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In re Appln. of: Kazunori Gotoh

Appln. No.: 10/085,643

Filed: February 28, 2002

For: Multi-Directional Switching Device Capable
of Producing Good Feeling of Click

Attorney Docket No: 9281/4297

Examiner: M. Friedhofer

Art Unit: 2832

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Attached is/are:

- ☒ Check for \$200; Transmittal Cover Letter (1p. Filed in Dup.); Request for Reconsideration of the Patent Term Adjustment (3pp.); Copy of Stamped PTO Reply Postcard Dated July 16, 2002
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard

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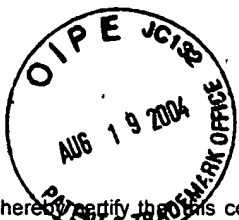
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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF THE PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.705(d)

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Dear Sir:

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/085,643 has a published term adjustment under 35 U.S.C. § 154(b) of 0 days. For the reasons stated herein, reconsideration of this patent term adjustment is respectfully requested.

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REMARKS

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/085,643 has a published term adjustment under 35 U.S.C. § 154(b) of 0 days.

The patent term adjustment for U.S. Patent 6,731,457 is calculated as shown below. Dates are specified based on the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system Patent Term Adjustment History, attached as Exhibit B. Note that U.S. Patent Application No. 10/085,643 is not subject to a terminal disclaimer.

Period of adjustment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.703(a)

The period of adjustment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.703(a) is the number of days beginning on the day after the date that is fourteen months after the date on which the application was filed under 35 U.S.C. § 111(a) and ending on the date of mailing of a Notice of Allowance 35 U.S.C. §151.

Applicants agree with the PTO calculation of the period of adjustment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.703(a)(1) of 386 days.

Period of adjustment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.703(b)

The period of adjustment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.703(b) is the number of days in the period beginning on the day ("the 3 year date") after the date that is three years after the date on which the application was filed under 35 U.S.C. § 111(a).

Applicants agree with the present PTO calculation of 0 days.

Reduction in period of adjustment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.704(b)

With respect to the grounds for adjustment set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.703(a)-(e), an applicant is deemed to have failed to engage in reasonable efforts to conclude processing or examination of an application for the cumulative total of any periods or time in excess of three months that are taken to reply to any notice or action by the Office. Any such three month period is measured from the date the notice or action was mailed to the applicant. The period of adjustment set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.703 shall be reduced by the number of days beginning on the day ("the 3 month date") after the date that is three months after the date of mailing of the Office communication.

A notice to file missing parts was mailed on April 10, 2002. Applicants mailed a complete response to the PTO on May 23, 2002. This response was received by the PTO on July 16, 2002 as indicated by the copy of the stamped postcard herein submitted by the Applicant. Thus, the calculated delay should have been 6 days. However, the PTO indicated that the application was complete on December 22, 2003, thereby calculating this delay as 530 days.

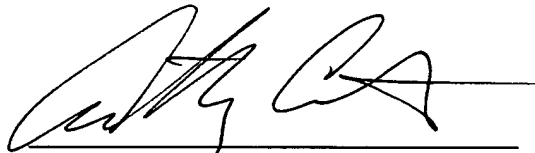
In U.S. Patent Application No. 10/085,643, the reduction in period of adjustment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.704(b) should be 6 days.

Total patent term adjustment

For the present application, the total patent term adjustment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.703(f) is the period of adjustment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.703 reduced by the reduction under 37 C.F.R. § 1.704. The total adjustment is thus 386 days – 6 days = 380 days, rather than the 0 days calculated by the PTO.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the patent term adjustment for this patent. Office personnel are invited to contact the undersigned for the Applicant via telephone if such communication would expedite this request.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anthony P. Curtis', is written over a horizontal line.

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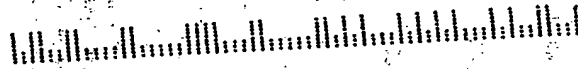
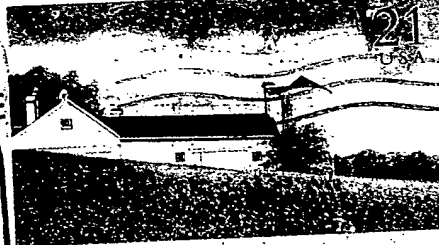
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Dated 5/23/02

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